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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

MR. JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER has given a sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the Johns Hopkins Hospital. After a careful investigation of the hospital finances the money has been given without restriction, as is shown in the following letter, written by his son to Dr. William Osler:

"29 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, April 4, 1904.

"DEAR DOCTOR OSLER: As a result of your letter to Mr. Gates, written several months since, and a letter at the same time from Dr. Welch to me, both setting forth the losses sustained by the endowment fund of Johns Hopkins Hospital on account of the recent fire in Baltimore, Mr. Murphy has, as you know, made a careful study of the situation, and from his report I learn that the losses, as nearly as can be estimated at present, are about four hundred and ninety-nine thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars.

"In view of the high character of work which the hospital and medical school are doing in medical instruction and research, including the training of nurses, which work he understands will otherwise be materially curtailed because of the losses, my father will give five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to Johns Hopkins Hospital. This he will pay in securities or cash, as the trustees may elect.

"JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.

"DR. WILLIAM OSLER, Baltimore, Md."

It is stated that the Austrian-Hungarian Floating Sanitarium Company, of London and Vienna, is meeting with considerable financial encouragement owing to the prominence of its chief director, Dr. Semon, physician to King Edward. The company intends to build big hospital steamers to travel about the Austrian, Italian, and French coasts—anywhere where it is warm and sunny. The accommodations will be principally reserved for people with lung trouble, and elaborate plans for their relief and cure are being worked out by eminent physicians here and in England. The company expects to start with a capital of five million dollars. It has procured favorable opinions from many medical authorities. M. Murai is the chief promotor.

PARK COMMISSIONER SCHMITT, of New York City, has given much thought since he took office to a plan for providing a series of temporary emergency hospitals in the Bronx. Hundreds of persons are injured every year in baseball, football, or golf games, and the list of skating, horseback-riding, and automobile accidents is not small. It is reported that a plan has been formed to establish tent cottages in Van Cortland, Bronx, Pelham, and other parks in the upper portion of the city. They will be designated by Red Cross flags. A doctor from one of the hospitals will be detailed to each tent.

THE new hospital buildings which are being erected and equipped by Mr. O. C. Barber, president of the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital of Akron, O., will be ready for occupancy about May 15. This hospital was opened in October, 1892, with twenty beds. The new buildings have a capacity of

seventy beds, and will cost a hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The present hospital building will be converted into a nurses' home.

NURSES having taken the post-graduate course offered by the Boston Floating Hospital for Infants will regret that a new boat is not forthcoming for the work of next summer. Those unacquainted with the unique features of this course of ten weeks may be interested in the announcement in this issue, also in the article by Dr. Robert W. Hastings which appeared in the April (1903) number of the JOURNAL.

THE Dorcas Club of Webster, Mass., composed of nine young girls, daughters of prominent men of Webster, has started a move for a public hospital by officially presenting to the town, in trust, twenty-five dollars as a nucleus.

HENDERSON & Co. have been awarded the contract for the erection of a convalescents' pavilion at the State Hospital for the Insane at Harrisburg, Pa., to cost seventy-five thousand four hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

THE Frankford Hospital of Philadelphia, Pa., is to have a home built for the nurses. Extensive alterations will also be made to the present hospital building.

THE Presbyterian Hospital of Atlanta, Ga., is contemplating quarters for the nurses outside the hospital.

SOME WAYS IN WHICH HOSPITALS ARE BEING AIDED

DANIEL B. WESSON, the millionaire revolver manufacturer, has given one hundred thousand dollars to the Hampden Homeopathic Hospital, Springfield, Mass. A tablet will be placed in the hospital stating that it was erected in memory of his wife, which is the only condition attached.

THE managers of the Imperial Bank of Brandon, Manitoba, have undertaken to furnish one of the wards in the new addition of the Brandon Hospital.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

THE graduating exercises of the Class of 1904 of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, were held on March 21 in the hospital. The class consisted of twelve members, and the diplomas and badges were presented to each by her Excellency, the Countess of Minto. The address to the graduates was given by Dr. Buller, and contained some good advice for those who purpose following out their profession along the line of private nursing. Dr. Peterson, principal of McGill University, in thanking her Excellency for her kindness in consenting to be present on this occasion, spoke of the benefits derived from modern hospitals and modern nursing. Her Excellency replied in her usual happy manner, and ardently wished each member of the class every success as they entered upon their new field of labor. The work her Excellency has accomplished in connection with cottage hospitals during her stay in Canada will always speak of her interest in the work of hospitals and trained nurses. A very generous response was made to the invitations sent out, and many friends, not only of the graduating class but of the hospital, were present, and also availed themselves of the invitation given to the reception held at the close of the graduating exercises, where a pleasant social hour was passed. We feel very much gratified

to know that for the future the nurses will have maternity nursing added to their training, as arrangements have been made for a course of instruction at the Montreal Maternity Hospital, and some of the next graduating class have already completed their term of three months in this department. The names of the graduates are: Annie McNicholl, Margaret Purdy, Frances Day, Evelyn LeMay, Lena Campbell, Katharine Davidson, Lillian Hart, Jean Hervey, May Metcalfe, Annie Crocker, Frances Macmillan, Bessie Fairservice.

THE graduating exercises of the Training-School of the New York Infirmary for Women and Children were held Friday, March 25, at four P.M., in the amphitheatre of the college building. The main feature of the afternoon's programme was a talk on "Radium" by Dr. Robert Abbe, who held the whole attention of his audience by his presentation of the interesting subject. At the conclusion of the address the graduates were presented with their diplomas by the president of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Philip Bartlett, and the school-pins by Miss Brice, chairman of the Training-School Committee. An informal reception was held after the exercises which was largely attended by the friends of the nurses and older graduates of the school. The graduating class consists of the following nurses: Miss M. S. Graham, Miss A. L. Cooper, Miss J. M. Perkins, Miss K. de Freirz, Miss K. MacDonald, Miss C. Einsen.

THE Kingston General Hospital, Canada, has just completed a very attractive building for the nurses, which was dedicated April 6. *The Nurses' Alumnae Association* contributed two thousand dollars towards the fund for this building. Graduating exercises were held at the time of the dedication, the following young ladies receiving diplomas: Miss Carrie Edmison, Peterborough; Miss Florence Bouck, Morrisburg; Miss Jennie Birmingham, Gananoque; Miss Etta Montgomery, Peterborough; Miss Lizabell Howell, Millbrook; Miss Minnie Pixley, Kingston; Miss Grace Nourse, Sherbrooke, Que.; Miss Edythe Davidson, Rochester, N. Y.; Miss Bertha Houston, Belleville; Miss Belle Morrison, Toronto; Miss Birdie Smith, Hamilton; Miss Beatrice Armstrong, Trenton. Of these Miss Armstrong, Miss Smith, and Miss Morrison were unable to be present in person.

THE Colorado Training-School for Nurses in connection with the City and County Hospital of Denver awarded diplomas to seventeen nurses at its seventeenth annual commencement on Thursday evening, February 25, 1904. Dr. Root presided. The exercises were held in the new surgical ward, which was tastefully decorated with palms, flowers, and the national colors. Addresses were made by Dr. Stemen, Dr. J. N. Hall, and Dr. Van Zant. The diplomas were presented by Mayor Wright, and a reception and dance followed.

ON Friday evening, April 15, Miss Flaws, Miss Montgomery, and the nurses of the Kingston Hospital were "at home" in the new "Nurses' Residence" to the members of the medical and surgical staff and their wives and other friends. A most enjoyable evening was spent "Finding Kate." The invitations were sent out to meet "Our Kate." The booby prize was a little colored doll presented to one of the doctors, who had not succeeded in finding Kate any other way.

MISS CHARLOTTE M. PERRY, graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital, Class of 1892, has resigned her position as superintendent of the Clinton (Mass.) Hospital. She was succeeded on April 1 by Miss Martha P. Parker, Massachusetts General Hospital, Class of 1890, who was formerly superintendent of the Salem (Mass.) Hospital. Miss Perry has been appointed superintendent of the Faxon Hospital, Utica, N. Y.

MRS. MARGARET S. WIBUB, a graduate of the Bishop Training-School for Nurses, has been appointed assistant matron at the House of Mercy, Pittsfield, Mass. Miss E. C. Andrews, who has been doing charity nursing in South Manchester, Conn., for the past eight years, has been appointed general office assistant.

THE Indianapolis Training-School held graduating exercises, when diplomas were awarded to the following: Misses Dora Tatum, Jemima Hull, Maude Bosley, Nellie Schwartz, Lora Gault, Lillian Smith, Edith Jackson, Margaret F. Perrill, Josephine Gerin, and Mrs. Davenport.

THE preparatory course of the Toronto General Hospital is thus far exceedingly promising. Nine students expect to graduate in June and others are entering for the second term, which commences April 11 and ends in December.

MISS STRATTON, formerly head nurse of the gynæcological building of the Kingston Hospital, has resigned to take charge of the nursing department in connection with the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, Ontario.

MISS CHARLOTTE M. PERRY, matron of the Clinton Hospital, Clinton, Mass., has resigned, and is succeeded by Miss Martha P. Parker, for many years matron of the Salem Hospital.

PERSONAL

A LUNCHEON was given at the St. George Hotel on Thursday, April 7, by the graduates of the Long Island College Hospital Training-School for Nurses in honor of Miss Sutcliffe, who has resigned the position of superintendent, very much to the regret of all who have come under her loving and helpful influence. After the luncheon was over Miss Sargent read a paper giving a history of the Training-School and of the origin of the hospital itself. The Training-School was organized in May, 1883, with Miss Irene Sutcliffe as superintendent, who, after two years, was called to take charge of the New York Hospital, when her sister, Miss Ida L. Sutcliffe, took her place, and has occupied the position ever since, a period of eighteen years. "During that time," quoting from this report, "many classes have come and gone, over three hundred nurses have been trained, graduated, and sent forth into the field of action to live their lives and do their work. In 1895 the Alumnae Association was organized and now has more than a hundred active members, with a registry and Alumnae Home, opened May 1, 1903, of which we are all justly proud. . . . We feel that Miss Sutcliffe's resignation marks the closing of the first great chapter. We cannot think of the hospital apart from her who has been the guiding influence of our lives and work within its walls." Miss Davids, the president of the Alumnae Association, then presented Miss Sutcliffe with a purse of gold concealed in a golden egg. Whereupon Miss Sutcliffe, though completely taken by surprise, with a few heartfelt and loving words of thanks spoke of how much she would always think of her nurses in her new home, where they would be ever welcome, and in which there would be many reminders of the Long Island nurses.

ON March 1, 1904, Mrs. Isabella B. Close entered upon the duties as head nurse at the Woman's Hospital, Philadelphia. Mrs. Close graduated from this

hospital in 1898 and took the post-graduate course the following year. Very soon after this she accepted the position as head nurse of the maternity ward in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, spending three years there in the maternity and surgical wards. The past year she has been travelling abroad for rest and recreation.

MISS CORA V. NIFER, of Indianapolis, has been appointed superintendent of the L. L. Culver Union Hospital, at Crawfordsville, Ind., to succeed Miss Edna Humphrey, who resigned on account of ill-health. Miss Humphrey will visit Washington, D. C., New York City, and Seattle, Wash., at which place she will remain indefinitely.

MISS AGNES DEANS, Class of 1895, Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit, has resigned her position of head nurse at the Children's Free Hospital, Detroit, and is succeeded by Miss Kate Douglas, also a graduate of Farrand Training-School, Class of 1903.

MISS HARRIET J. ALLYN, of the Massachusetts General Hospital, has resigned her position as visiting nurse of the Greenpoint Settlement of Brooklyn, N. Y., and accepted that of matron and supervising nurse of the St. Albans Hospital, St. Albans, Vt.

MRS. H. W. RANDALL, Class of 1896, Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit, has resigned as principal of the Homœopathic Hospital, Cleveland, O., and accepted the position of superintendent of the Emergency Hospital, Cleveland.

MISS MAY MONTGOMERY, Class of 1902 of Kingston Hospital, Ont., and night superintendent of Delaware Hospital, Wilmington, Del., has been appointed assistant superintendent at the Kingston Hospital.

CAN any of our readers tell the whereabouts of Mrs. Anne Rose, a Russian woman, trained in a New York hospital about fourteen years ago? For six years her mother in Russia has not heard from her.

MISS JANE MCKENZIE has accepted the position of head nurse in the Galt Hospital, Galt, Ont. Miss McKenzie is a graduate of Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit.

MISS ANNIE L. GOODMAN, a graduate of Farrand Training-School, Harper Hospital, Detroit, was appointed supervising nurse in the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

MISS E. GRACE MCLEAY (Massachusetts General Hospital) has gone abroad and will join Miss Halton for a visit to Paris. They will return together later in the year.

MISS M. I. MONTGOMERY spent a few days in Toronto in April, and was a delegate at a mass meeting of the nurses called to organize a provincial society.

MISS EDITH CARSON, Johns Hopkins, 1902, has resigned her hospital position in New York City and returned to Baltimore to do private nursing.

MISS ELLEN LA MOTTE, Johns Hopkins, 1902, has gone to Italy to begin private nursing, and is already at work.